

Deer Creek Brimming in Two Weeks

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Provo's chief administrative officer predicts Deer Creek Reservoir will be full and spilling over within two weeks, and city officials worry that water being released is not keeping pace with the rate of inflow from mountain runoff.

"If the reservoir keeps filling at the rate it was Tuesday, it will be full and spilling in 13 days," Chet Waggener reported to the Provo City Council in a meeting Wednesday evening.

"That's two weeks earlier than last year," added Provo Mayor

James Ferguson.

The mayor said an increase in storage of 2,500 acre-feet of water was ordered Tuesday for the reservoir. Meanwhile, said Waggener, only 600 cubic feet per second is being released.

"That doesn't jibe with increas-

ing the storage by 2,500 acre-feet," Waggener said.

The reservoir had been drawn down until Tuesday, but the drawdown was cut then "presumably because the inflow (from runoff) had come down," Ferguson explained.

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Deer Creek Managment Plan Receives Mixed Opposition

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SALT LAKE CITY-The meeting of the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation brought out more of the objections to the proposed planning which is taking place at Deer Creek Reservoir.

More than just a few concerned people turned out to the meeting, as when the board turned the time to hear from the public, there were over two and a half hours of comment heard.

Representatives from Snow's Marina, Island Boat Camp, and the Charleston Boat Camp were heard. There was also heard from a small number of concerned fishermen.

"All the way through this we

have asked for public comment," said Bard Ferrin, director for Wasatch Mountain State Park. "It's just that we got more negative comments about the plan than anything."

Ferrin expressed concern that those who like the changes are not being heard, which he felt was a shame.

Ferrin stated that the marinas have been very organized in their presentations, and this is really impressive to the State Parks people.

Mel Snow expressed concern over the state suggesting shorter lease agreements, stating that such a short lease would only encourage some quick, fly-by-night operators to bid on the concessions.

He felt that longer lease agreements would encourage the lessee to install some worthwhile, moneymaking projects which would last more than a year at a time.

Other concerns expressed at the meeting were over the single concessionaire for the entire lake. The specific holiday uses of the lake, and the removal of some concessions on the lake.

There were no representatives from the windsurfing interest present and there were no interests expressed from the boating and sailing interests, though Ferrin said that he felt there might be more concern at the next meeting.



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